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October 20, 2015


The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
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Dear Supervisors:

# ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

22 October 20, 2015

  
PATRICK O'QUINN  
ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT  
AS-NEEDED TRAFFIC SIGNAL CONSTRUCTION, 2015-16  
IN VARIOUS UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT  
THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)  
(3 VOTES)**

### SUBJECT

This action is to approve and advertise the As-Needed Traffic Signal Construction, 2015-16 in various unincorporated communities throughout the County of Los Angeles, find this contract categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act, adopt the plans and specifications, authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award and execute a construction contract with the responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid, deliver the project, and delegate certain responsibilities to the Director of Public Works or her designee to carry out this project.

### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Find this contract categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Approve and advertise the contract and adopt the plans and specifications that are on file in the Construction Division of the Department of Public Works for installation and modification of traffic signals, at an estimated construction contract cost between \$2,200,000 and \$3,000,000.

BIDS: November 17, 2015 at 11:00 a.m.

3. Instruct the Acting Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise for bids in accordance with the Instruction Sheet for Publishing Legal Advertisement, and which are to be received before 11 a.m. on November 17, 2015, in accordance with the Notice Inviting Bids.
4. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to determine whether the bid of the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest apparent responsive bid is, in fact, responsive and, if not responsive, to determine which apparent responsible contractor submitted the lowest responsive bid.
5. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award and execute a construction contract with the responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid within the estimated cost range and deliver the project.
6. Delegate to the Director of Public Works or her designee the following authority in connection with this contract: (1) allow substitution of subcontractors and relief of bidders upon demonstration of the grounds set forth in Public Contract Code Sections 4100 et seq. and 5100 et seq., respectively; (2) accept the project upon their final completion; (3) release retention money withheld consistent with the requirements of Public Contract Code Sections 7107 and 9203; and (4) extend the date and time for the receipt of bids consistent with the requirements of Public Contract Code Section 4104.5.

#### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended actions is for the Board to approve and advertise the contract, adopt the plans and specifications, authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award and execute a construction contract with the responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid, deliver the project and delegate certain responsibilities to the Director or her designee to carry out this construction contract.

The Department of Public Works has utilized as-needed contractors in prior years to provide efficient construction of traffic signal and street lighting infrastructure.

#### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1) and Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3).

The recommended actions will help achieve these goals by providing for the installation and modification of needed traffic signals and/or street lighting infrastructure thereby improving traffic flow and safety for motorists and pedestrians in various communities.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated construction contract cost is in the range of \$2,200,000 to \$3,000,000. The total project cost is estimated to be \$3,750,000. In addition to the construction contract cost, the total project cost includes preparation of plans and specifications, consultant services, survey, right-of-way and utility clearances, materials testing, construction engineering, inspection, contract administration, change order contingency, and other County of Los Angeles services.

Funding for this project is included in the Fiscal Year 2015-16 Road Fund and Consolidated Street Lighting Maintenance Districts Budgets. If an unanticipated need to perform services in the following year occurs, future funding will be requested through the annual budget process. In addition, should an unanticipated need arise in other Public Works operating funds, the work will be financed from the appropriate fund. Total expenditures for these services will not exceed the amount approved by the Board.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

This project is part of the Department of Public Works' ongoing program for transportation system management. It will be advertised in accordance with Section 20392 of the State Public Contract Code.

This construction contract is for a period of one year on an as-needed basis.

Delegating to the Director or her designee the authority to award and execute this construction contract allows an expedited contracting process in order to meet commitments for the installation and modification of various traffic signals including the traffic signals at Fullerton Road at Queen of Heaven Cemetery and San Bernardino Road at Vincent Avenue.

The contract agreement will be in the form previously reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

The award of the contract will be in full compliance with Federal, State, and County regulations. The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to comply with terms and conditions supporting the Board's ordinances, policies, and programs including, but not limited to: the County of Los Angeles' Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs (GAIN and GROW), Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202; the Los Angeles County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; the Los Angeles County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program Ordinance, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.206; and the standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

To ensure the contract is awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, criminal convictions, civil litigation, defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractor's State License Board, labor law/payroll violations, and debarment actions. As provided for in Board Policy No. 5.140, the information reported by the contractor will be considered before making an award.

The plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project and are on file with Public Works.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

This construction contract is categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15301(c) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines and Class 1, Subsections (x)(5) (x)(14) (x)27, and of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by the Board on November 17, 1987. These classes involve the installation of new traffic signal systems, reconstruction of existing roadways, and installation of street lights in urban areas.

## **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

To increase contractor awareness of Public Works' program to contract work out to the private sector, this construction contract will be listed on both the County's "Doing Business with Us" and Public Works' "Contract Opportunities" websites for upcoming bids.

In addition, in order to increase opportunities for small businesses, Public Works will be coordinating with the Office of Small Business to maximize outreach.

## **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

When the project is completed, it will have a positive impact by improving traffic flow and safety for motorists and pedestrians.

## **CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER

Director

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c: Chief Executive Office (Rochelle Goff)  
County Counsel  
Executive Office  
Internal Services Department (Countywide  
Contract Compliance)